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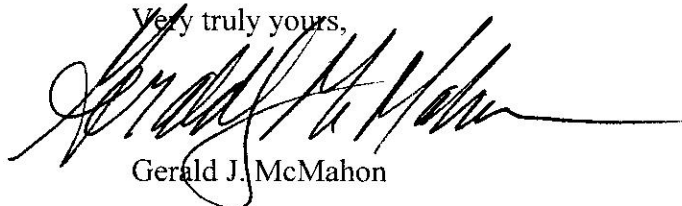
The Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Christopher Chierchio, et al.  
20 Cr. 306 (NGG)

Dear Judge Garaufis:

I write on behalf of defendant Christopher Chierchio who seeks to waive his appearance, pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 43(b)(3), at oral argument on January 4, 2022. Mr. Chierchio has just started experiencing Covid-19 symptoms and expects to quarantine for the next 5-10 days. I will be present at the argument to represent his interests, and will thereafter advise him about the proceeding.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerald J. McMahon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gerald J. McMahon

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cc: All Counsel (By ECF)